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Remarks, General:

By the above amendment, Applicant has reorganized and reworded the claims to better

describe the root invention or species. That being that all of the illustrations described in

5   the specification represent the addition of a means to measure micro amounts in what

otherwise would have been a receptacle for measuring macro amounts only. All claims

are now dependent on the first claim (claim 15 (new) of the amendment) and this first

claim is the invention. Please notice that claim 15 is a Means-Plus-Function claim where

the means to measure a micro amount involves the bottom of the receptacle and there are

10   the typical macro measurement graduations on the sidewall as well. This is unlike the

cited patent 1,839,268 (E. Schneider) where there is not a comparison between a micro

and a macro measurement and the micro measurement means involves the sidewall

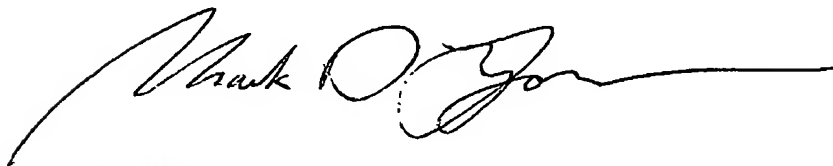adjacent to the rim, not the bottom of the receptacle.

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Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance:

Applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they are proper and define a

single species which is novel. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in

5   full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance

and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. sections 2173.02 and 707.07(j) in

order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as

possible without the need for further proceedings.

10   Very Respectfully,

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